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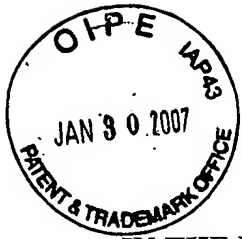
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Sir,

In response to a second non-final Office Action mailed on September 25, 2006,

Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Authorization is given to charge the
fee of \$120 for a one month extension for filing a response pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) to
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Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this
paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.